(c) the progress made on each project and the expected time of their completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) At present eight nuclear power reactors, 2x540 MWe at Tarapur, Maharasthra, 2x220 MWe at Kaiga, Karnataka 2x1000 MWe at Kudankulam, Tamil Nadu and 2x220 MWe at Rawatbhata, Rajasthan are under different stages of construction. These projects have achieved a cumulative physical progress of 64%, 22%, 10% and 12% respectively as of January 2003 and are expected to commence commercial operation between 2006 and 2008 progressively.

In addition, a proposal for administrative approval and project financial sanction for setting up of a 500 MWe Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) at Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu is under process with the Governemnt of India. All these ongoing projects have been taken up at sites for which clearances have already been obtained. There is no plan, as of now, to set up a nuclear power plant in Madhya Pradesh.

The Site Selection Committee constituted by the Department of Atomic Energy is also evaluating sites for setting up nuclear power stations, at a future date, in different regions of the country, including Madhya Pradesh.

Links between cell operators and BSNL/MTNL

187. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether public sector telecom players BSNL and MTNL have snapped their links with cell operators; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view (a) above.